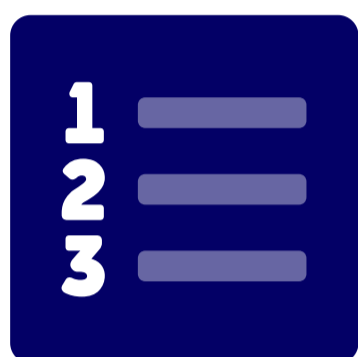


Small Claims Court Is Not Simple Claims Court

It is known as the Small Claims Court rather than the Simple Claims Court because litigation for sums of money less than \$25,000 can be as complicated, or even more so, than cases beyond the \$25,000 limit of Small Claims Court.



Just the same as with cases for sums beyond the \$25,000 limit that are pursued in the higher court, a case in the Small Claims Court will involve the procedural law regarding the rules for the process of a legal matter as well as the substantive law that applies to the actual legal issue in dispute. The procedural law is known as the *Rules of the Small Claims Court*. The substantive law, being the basis for the dispute, could contain almost any area of law such as contract law, tort law, employment law, consumer law, construction law, etc. For information on some of the *Rules* applicable in Small Claims Court, see: